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1. Former General Adolf Heusinger thinks that the United States is losing the initiative in the planning for German remilitarization. He asserted that the British are making every effort to cultivate and influence Germans engaged in this planning, and implied that the Americans have been comparatively aloof.

2. Heusinger referred to the war-criminal question, which he considers one of the reasons that the United States is losing ground. He emphasized the "positive steps" the British have taken. American prestige in Germany would be considerably enhanced, according to Heusinger, if the State Department were to announce clemency for a number of high-ranking generals in Landsberg, especially Field Marshal Wilhelm List, General Kunze, and Field Marshal Georg von Küchler. Heusinger thinks that clemency proceedings in the immediate future are of vital importance in connection with remilitarization, and that if they are considered they should be carefully timed to coincide with the Christmas holidays and should be accompanied by an extensive publicity and propaganda drive in order to achieve the maximum benefit for the United States.

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